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DIST. JUDGE JOE BROWN
Ruby trial judge dies.

Judge in Ruby Trial Expires

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Dist. Judge Joe Brown, who presided over the tempestuous trial of Jack Ruby in 1964, died Tuesday following a heart attack.

A spokesman at Baylor Hospital said Brown died at 6:10 p.m. He was stricken at his home earlier in the day. Brown, now 60, was elected a district judge in 1957. He became a justice of peace in 1934.

The judge, a colorful man in Dallas legal circles, was married last year to Joy Carles, a widow. He and his first wife were divorced.

Brown's son, Joe B. Brown Jr., is a lawyer and a justice of the peace in Dallas.

Ruby received the death sentence in Brown's court but the conviction was later reversed.

He was tried for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy. Ruby died of cancer Jan. 3, 1967.